(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Import of D-2 Aminobutanol

1556. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it it a fact that certain parties were found importing D-2 Aminobutanol under the name of DL-2 Aminobutanol;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies alongwith quantity imported of DL-2 Aminobutanol by each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the details of other raw materials required for conversion of DL-2 into D-2 Aminobutanol;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain important raw materials are being imported and not indigenously produced for conversion;

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard, indicating the name of each material quantity imported or procured alongwith names and addresses of the source;

(f) what is the quantity required of each raw material for conversion of one kg. of D-2 Aminobutanol;

(g) whether it is a fact that cost of production from DL-2 is higher than D-2, for Ethambutol but the manufacturers agreed for the same price; and

(h) if so, what can be the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (h) The information asked for is voluminous and is not readily available. The time and efforts involved in collecting the required information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Price increase of Rifaminal Capsules

1557. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the announcement of new measures drug companies are continuously increasing the price of medicines without approval to the detriment of the poor consumer;

(b) if so, what were the prices of Rifaminal Capsules 150 mg, 300 mg pack of 100 Capsules, Eubraton Elixir 240 ml and 480 ml, Sorvicin Tabs pack of 1000, Supradyn pack of 100 tablets, Actilex Syrup 455 ml, Alkeran Tabs 2 mg and 5 mg pack of 25 tablets, Amoxinga Caps 250 mg and 500 mg pack of 4 capsules Blocin Injection 15 mg at the time of announcement of the measures and what are their present prices alongwith percentage increase in each case;

(c) whether Government have allowed any price increases; if so, what are the prices allowed;

(d) whether Government maintains any price monitoring cell; and

(e) if so, what are the details of its working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) To the extent information is available, the price of these formulations have been recently revised upwards by the Government as per provisions of DPCO, 1979 and the details of prices indicating the percentage increase are given in the attached Statement. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 72].

Price of Matranidazole

1558. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Matranidazole, Ampicillin, Ethambutol,